

ke's Ice Water Treatment Calling to Taft Supporters

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WASHINGTON —(AP)—There's nothing so galling as the ice water treatment, which is being given to Taft supporters by the general.

It has much hair left, and may be able to mull it over, but they haven't been able to do it yet.

Even with the 21 questions they've now produced and which they "demand" an answer from the general. He's ignored them.

And if he thought the general would answer, one of his closest advisers here laughed: "Why not?"

THE GENERAL will be placing

all his hope for the nomination on exactly that point if he remains quiet until the Republican convention in July.

It will be ironic if he succeeds that way over Sen. Taft who has been doing just the opposite for years: Talking on every subject.

These times are so troubled that many people have almost violent opinions on a host of subjects.

The man who steps up and speaks his piece, like Taft, may make friends but is bound to make enemies, as Taft has done.

The general has been able to avoid this unpleasant fate in the midst of his quietness.

BUT HE WOULDN'T avoid it long if he attempted to answer the 21 questions the Taftites threw at him.

The first one is a dilly for Eisenhower to answer: "Do you approve of the firing of Gen. MacArthur?"

There are some other beauts in the list. For instance: "Are you for an increase or reduction in social security benefits?"

If he says he's for an increase he may win friends among old people but make enemies of those opposed to pay higher taxes so old people can get higher benefits.

If he says he's for lower benefits, he gets the old people on his back.

HE MAY BE ABLE to continue right up to convention time—and

get the nomination—without saying more than he's said so far.

But once the convention ends and he has to start to campaign, it's unlikely that he will, or can, keep quiet on the big problems and sore points at home.

But the general would not be inconsistent with the policy he's laid down for himself if he did stay quiet until the convention.

He said that if nominated, he'd resign from the army and make a tough campaign. Until then he'll be in uniform, a member of the armed forces. And he hasn't made political speeches since he's been in uniform.

APPLE TRICK EXPLAINED
NATCHEZ, Miss.—(UP)—F. Brington Finn, New York art collector who exhibited some of his rare prints here, says that you have an apple crosswise, then cut off a thin slice from one of the halves and hold it to the light, you will see a perfect outline of the blossom from which the apple grew.

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